Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, Bullying is physical, verbal, sexual, or emotional harm or intimidation directed at a person or group of people and occurs in neighborhoods, playgrounds, schools, and through technology, such as the Internet and cell phones; and,

Whereas, Various researchers have concluded that bullying is the most common form of violence, affecting millions of American children and adolescents annually; and,

Whereas, Many South Dakota children and adolescents are affected by bullying annually; and,

Whereas, Targets of bullying are more likely to acquire physical, emotional, and learning problems, and students who are repeatedly bullied often fear such activities as riding the bus, going to school, and attending community activities; and,

Whereas, Children who bully are at greater risk of engaging in more serious violent behaviors; and,

Whereas, Children who witness bullying often feel less secure, more fearful, and intimidated:

Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim October 2016 as

BULLYING PREVENTION AWARENESS MONTH

in South Dakota.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twelfth Day of September in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Sixteen.

Dennis Daugaard

Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

Shantel Krebs

Shantel Krebs, Secretary of State